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**Date:** May 16, 2007**TO:** Jude Jean Gilles -- United States Patent and Trademark Office**FAX NO.:** 571-273-8300**FROM:** David M. Nafziger

In re patent application of:

**Applicants:** Gary P. Raden, *et al.***Examiner:** Jude Jean Gilles**Serial No:** 10/721,726**Art Unit:** 2143**Filing Date:** November 25, 2003**Title:** SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR STATE MANAGEMENT OF  
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Dear Examiner Jude Jean Gilles:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter. The following agenda is provided to aid our discussion.

- I. Introduction
- II. Discussion of Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)
  - a. Discuss independent claim 1 and proposed amendments
    - i. The limitation of claim 2 has been incorporated in independent claim 2. Amended independent claim 1 recites a component that obtains system data corresponding to a plurality of system components, an aggregator that analyzes at least a subset of the system data and generates an output corresponding to a state of a subset of the plurality of system components, and *a remote access component that provides a user with remote access to the output.*
  - b. Discuss deficiencies of the cited reference
    - i. Ikeda *et al.* appears to relate to a system that determines the overall topology of a network. Based on the information collected from a transmission line, the cited reference determines the network topology of a specified route and decreases the information received or processed to that location.
    - ii. As recited in the applicants' claims, applicants' claimed subject matter relates to a system comprising *a remote access component that provides a user with remote access to the output.*
    - iii. The cited reference differs from the applicants' claims since Ikeda *et al.* is completely silent with regard to the claimed aspect of applicants' invention. Ikeda *et al.* does not comprise a remote access component that provides a user with remote access to the output. Instead, Figure 45 of the cited reference shows a remote node of a network, which cannot provide a user with remote access. The node is not accessible

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to a user, but is a part of the network. Therefore, Ikeda *et al.* is silent with regards to the claimed aspect of applicant's invention.

Attached, please find proposed claim amendments with respect to the above-referenced matter. Thanks again for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

-Dave